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COUNTY ATTORNEY.

M. W. Sutton having announced himself as an independent candidate for reelection to the office of County Attorney, it is only necessary for us to briefly allude to his candidacy. We have known Mike, as he is familiarly named, since the year 1867, then a blushing youth seeking fame and fortune in the West. We believe no one knows him better than the editor of the TIMES. Our several years acquaintance has enabled us to form proper and correct estimate of the man. Our intimate association previous to his departure for Kansas led us to form a high opinion of his character. Since we have again formed our old friendship, we can still bear further evidence of his character, ripened by several years experience through the many phases of a frontier life. He is possessed of many sterling qualities, chief of which are honesty, straightforwardness, impartiality and strict attention to business. He has a thorough, practical knowledge of law; in fact there are few better lawyers than he, of his age, in the western portion of Kansas. His good judgment upon all matters is an element in his character, and a lawyer possessed with this quality has one of the first principles of his profession. He is a thorough, practical man, and his convictions are based upon right and justice. His extended legal practice is a recognition of his ability as a lawyer, and the confidence reposed in him as lawyer and citizen.

Mr. Sutton has served as County Attorney for two years past, and goes before the people for reelection with a thorough knowledge of the duties of the office, and his past record as a guarantee for his future course in the administration of the duties of that office. His successful prosecution of criminal cases gives him a prestige that will be shown by the overwhelming vote he will receive at the polls.

The affairs of the office of County Attorney are in good hands. We do not mis take the good judgment of the citizens of Ford county when we state their interests will be kept there.

County Attorney Sutton is prudent and economical in all matters that come before the Board of County Commissioners. His counsel is sought in all matters that pertain to public interest, and with deference to his ability as county advisor and good judgment as a citizen who has the welfare of the people.

Mike Sutton served as a soldier in the 135th New York Infantry Regiment during the war of the Rebellion, and followed his regiment during the whole of its memorable campaign. As a citizen Mike is no less patriotic. Turning the sword into the plowshare, after the war we find him an honest tiller of the soil. From this pursuit he commenced the study of the law, in 1869, and has since followed the profession of the law.

Being a man of strong character, determined and unshaken, he has some enemies; but his genial, wholesome nature and honesty of purpose endears him to a host of friends, who will rally with might and power to make his election a grand, glorious and triumphant success.

MEADE COUNTY.

Ten sections of land have been taken by settlers in Meade county within the past week, through the agency of R. G. Cook, land agent. The prospects are that Meade county will be fully settled within one year's time. There are fine prospects for the new settler in that county.

Mr. James F. Smith, an enterprising merchant, is making arrangements to establish a store in Meade city. Mr. Smith is from Mattoon, Ill., and reports the Kansas fever in that section.

During a prairie fire last Tuesday evening the wife of Mr. Hinkle and his little daughter were quite badly burned in trying to save the property. The house and the contents belonging to Mr. Hinkle were entirely destroyed. —(Kinsley Graphic.)

SPAREVILLE HAPPENINGS.

The appointment of H. P. Myton as District Clerk to fill the unexpired term of Harry Boyer, is generally approved by the citizens in this end of the county.

Rev. Swenson, the founder of the Cincinnati Colony, paid a visit to Spareville and seemed to be well pleased with the progress of our town and county. He is endeavoring to find a location suitable to settle 300 emigrant families.

Major Van Voorhis after a week's absence from here, at Larned and Great Bend, where he had been attending county fairs, is now more than ever impressed that the success of the Greenback party is beyond peradventure.

Dr. H. M. Clark has filed his bonds as Notary Public and is ready for the transaction of business.

A petition asking the County Commissioners to issue orders against the running at large of cattle, swine and other stock, is circulating here and signed by numerous citizens. In a country like this every body ought to be in favor of it.

Some wisecracks, over-anxious for the welfare of their fellow citizens, are in fears that the buffalo bones heaped up along the railroad track might exert a damaging influence on the healthy condition of our community, and recommend their removal. If they will investigate this matter they will soon be convinced that the bad odor, at times to be observable, arises from a dead horse lying in the suburbs of town, and that the buffalo bones, bleached for years on the plains by the rays of the sun, are entirely harmless.

A number of prominent business men of Dodge City two weeks ago issued private invitations to a few of our citizens, to meet them on the 12th inst., at the Summit House, for the purpose of considering the political situation of Ford county. The meeting was held at the public school house and happened to be attended by quite a number of citizens, prominent among them some office-seekers with their respective friends. Several speakers endeavored to show the necessity of making a change in the political administration of affairs in Ford county. After considerable debating they proceeded to ballot for candidates and nominated an entire county ticket. While some of these nominees come before the people well recommended, others are considered of not possessing the requisite qualifications for the office they are aspiring to. The course of the meeting in proceeding to make nominations is generally denounced as an assumption of authority not delegated by those who are in sympathy with their cause, not even a public call for a convention having been previously issued.

Everybody interested in the political affairs of the county is now anxiously looking for a convention to be called by the County Executive Committee for the purpose of nominating candidates for offices to be filled at the approaching election. At least some effort should be made to make nominations in conformity with some regular form.

W. V. Johnson and D. Williams are endeavoring to organize a joint stock company to build a flour mill and grain elevator at this place. If the people of Spareville should awaken on one of these fine mornings, we hope they will not be surprised to find mill and elevator in full blast.

AN ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY AT DODGE CITY.

Prof. Root of the Wheeler Survey, spent a few days in Dodge City, leaving here Monday night. He will establish an astronomical monument upon his return, on the court house square, for the purpose of determining the exact location of the line of the 100th Meridian, which is presumed to be six miles west of this city.

GREENBACK CONVENTION.

A Greenback Convention will be held at Spareville, on Saturday, October 26th, for the purpose of nominating and placing before the people suitable candidates for County and Township officers. All persons who favor the move are invited.

By order of the committee.

The frost has put a stop to the yellow fever in the South.

AN ATTEMPTED TRAIN ROBBERY—MIKE ROURKE CAPTURED.

The Kansas City Times of Sunday gives the particulars of the capture of Mike Rourke, a well known brigand of this frontier. It says for some days it has been known among the officials of the Kansas Pacific Railway that an attempt was to be made to rob their express cars, out on the prairies. Superintendent Oakes was aware of the fact and had all train men heavily armed, as also extra men stationed in the cars. Last Wednesday night a detective obtained information that the gang were to attack train No. 2, bound west, on Saturday morning, at Rock Spring, a station 204 miles west of Kansas City. The information was obtained from one of the gang, who came into Brookfield and gave his partners away, claiming that they had gone back on him and he wanted to get even with them. Acting upon this information, Mr. Oakes telegraphed the Superintendent of the Smoky Hill Division to do everything in his power to capture the men, and a picked posse started for Brookfield. They came upon the gang, five in number, about daylight Saturday, and a terrible fight ensued, the particulars of which had not been received at the editorial office at a late hour that night. This much was known, however: Mike Rourke the leader of the gang, was captured, and Dan Dement badly wounded. The last named escaped into the brush. The wagon and arms of the whole party were captured, and armed men are now in pursuit of the remainder of the gang, who are fleeing towards the Indian Nation, and will cross the Santa Fe road at or near Fort Dodge.

Rourke, the man captured, was the leader of the gang who robbed the Kansas City, St. Joseph and Council Bluffs train last spring near Winthrop, and the Santa Fe train near Kinsey. A reward of \$3,000 has been out for him for long months, and his capture is something to be proud of, as it breaks up the largest and most successful gang of train robbers in the country.

Rourke has made confession. Dement was pursued and shot dead. E. A. Brooks an alleged accomplice was arrested in Dodge City Wednesday, but released at night on condition that he flee the country.

AN AMERICAN OHIO COLONY.

R. A. Cunningham, agent for the A. T. & S. F. R. R. Co., at Zanesville, Ohio; John Jobling, President; Geo. F. Miller and Howard Lowery, a committee representing an immigrant organization; W. L. Magnus, correspondent of the New York World, Zanesville Times, etc.; and W. F. Beaumont, all of Zanesville, Ohio, were in Dodge City Tuesday last. These gentlemen are prospecting for the location of a colony of sixty families now residing at Zanesville. The committee are favorably impressed with this section of country and will recommend the location of the colony in Ford county. Their favorable report will increase the number of families in the colony to one hundred. About one-third of these families are in comfortable circumstances, and the others will bring with themselves sufficient to carry them through the struggles of the first year on the frontier. It is their intention to remove the colony sometime in February next, and we wish them God speed.

Sober, industrious people can soon build prosperous and happy homes in this rich and beautiful country, where they will find health and a cordial welcome.

The committee mentioned above visited the Cincinnati Colony in the southeastern part of Ford county, to obtain some information of the colonization system, and to gain some knowledge by the experience of those who have already located here. The families contemplating this move are American.

GOVERNMENT HORSES STOLEN.

Six Government horses were stolen from the stock yards Monday night. The lock was taken off the gate and six horses out of a number of forty were taken. These horses were intended for service in New Mexico, and were being fed and rested at this point.

Two of the horses have since been recovered.

Prof. Roberts is slowly recovering from an attack of bilious fever, which we mentioned a couple of weeks ago.

SPAREVILLE HAPPENINGS.

J. M. Rittenhouse has completed his new residence and is preparing to occupy it.

The Atchison Daily Champion of Oct. 26th, paid a well deserved compliment to Spareville and Ford county.

Geo. Jones has started a new meat market in the building formerly occupied by O. Pratt for a feed store.

Dr. Harris and Col. Dient were out hunting Sunday night, determined to shoot a wild cow reported to have hooked some horses in the neighborhood.

The citizens of Spareville township are called upon to assemble in convention at the public school house, on Saturday, to nominate township officers.

All interested in or favoring the Greenback movement were invited to assemble at the school house on Tuesday evening to discuss the political situation in view of a convention to be held on Saturday for the purpose of nominating township officers.

A civil suit was had before Justice Baldwin, in which Olin Pratt was plaintiff and David Williams the defendant. The defendant claimed the plaintiff bill for goods furnished to the amount of \$25, while latter claimed that the former owed him \$300. The case was a very complicated one, but was finally decided by the court. The defendant obtained judgment for \$15.

In the Cincinnati Colony great dissatisfaction exists with the nominations made in Spareville on the 12th inst. The citizens there claim justly, if a regular convention had been called they would have been entitled to their delegate, but the manner the meeting proceeded, their wishes were entirely ignored. BAZ.

SPAREVILLE ITEMS.

Agent Bird has moved into his new house on right of way.

From all appearances we should say that the arrival of hunt seekers are quite numerous. Our land agents are kept busy all the time.

Everybody knows that we need a depot; the eye saw of a freight car called a depot should be declared a nuisance.

Wm. Van Voorhis east of town shot two antelope last Sunday morning; nothing surprising in that, but he killed them both at one shot with a Springfield rifle.

The business men are having fires built and stoves put up. Should the approaching winter prove to be a severe one, there will no doubt be considerable suffering by some who have lately come with limited means and large families.

Building at present is not very brisk, but one house is being built, that of J. J. Burns on Walnut street. Mr. Lehigh's house is finished, and consequent upon the arrival of his wife yesterday morning he is now happy.

Business appears to be picking up slowly. All our business men carry a good stock of goods and are selling them reasonably. Hall & Nelson have received a new lot. They have two cars of Trinitite coal on the road.

J. M. H. Bowman has also received a new supply of goods and has made an improvement in his cellar. He has a bar there in which things made comfortable. His boarding house is excelled by none in the town.

Major Van Voorhis is now engaged in surveying the town site of Winthrop. The Major is a competent surveyor and will give good satisfaction. By the way the Major's Bowling Green farm east of town is one of the best improved farms in the county if not the west.

The jury in the prairie fire case seems to have taken exception to Zab's statement in the Transcript and proceeded thereupon to, as they supposed, to butcher him in the news. There was no one statement at made in the Transcript in any way concerned the afore-said jury. If that the evidence showed that the fire started within ten feet of the wagon. That the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty. Now there is not one of that jury that will deny these facts. Should the jury have tried all of them we would say their verdict was wrong; but by all of them being released, but the one. We could not but not condemn them for their verdict. The attack on Zab will be noticed hereafter. We will now make a simple denial of all their charges. ZAB.

The social hop at Hoover's Hall last Friday was an enjoyable affair.

The many friends of Mrs. R. M. Wright welcome her home after several months absence.

James Kennedy, charged with the killing of Fannie Keenan, had a preliminary examination Tuesday before Justice Cook. The evidence being insufficient the prisoner was acquitted.

Dr. G. W. Milton, Dentist, will be in Dodge City about the 1st of November. He will spend a few weeks in the practice of his profession at Camp Supply and Fort Elliott. He is a fine dentist and gives satisfaction.

The Old Stiff party at the Dodge House this Friday night promises to be a grand affair. Invitations are numerous, and the managers of the grand ball, Messrs. Webster and Marshall, are doing all to make the party a success.

Capt. Wilson H. Strickler, received some packages of maple and poplar seeds, and made a present of a lot of them, for which we return thanks. The Captain and Mr. Elias Zebe of Haleswood, were in the city Wednesday.

Old newspapers for sale at this office.